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forming a contact material comprising an aluminum bearing species or a titanium bearing species overlying the surface-treated backside to form a plurality of LED devices with the contact material such that the contact material forms an ohmic contact with the surface-treated backside of each of the plurality of LED devices.

- 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the backside surface is characterized by a nitrogen face of a c-plane, n-type GaN with carrier concentration ranging from $1\times10^{15}/\text{cm}^3$ to $1\times10^{20}/\text{cm}^3$; wherein the surface roughness ranges from 10 about 0.3 nm to about 200 nm.
- 12. The method of claim 10, wherein the polishing process comprises use of a diamond slurry mixture characterized by a particle size from 0.05 microns to 5 microns.
- 13. The method of claim 10, wherein each of the plurality 15 of pyramidal like structures is characterized by a height from 20 nm to 1000 nm.
- **14**. The method of claim **10**, wherein the solution comprises 0% to 20% by weight silicic acid hydrate, and 3% to 45% by weight potassium hydroxide in water.
- 15. The method of claim 14, wherein the backside surface is immersed in the solution for at least 1 minute at a temperature from 0° C. to 100° C.
- 16. The method of claim 10, wherein the plasma species comprises a silicon species and a chlorine species derived 25 from a silicon tetrachloride gas source.
- 17. The method of claim 10, wherein the surface treatment comprises an HCl immersion for at least one minute.
- 18. The method of claim 10 further comprising subjecting the LED devices to a thermal treatment process to form the 30 ohmic contact between each LED device and the contact material.

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